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# UNION CALLS STRIKE BALLOT FOR COUNCIL

## STAFF CONSIDER ACTION ON WORKING CONDITIONS

**Union leaders in Northamptonshire have called a strike ballot over plans which could see council workers forced to take unpaid holiday.**

Officials at Northamptonshire County Council have been in talks with unions about changes to workers' terms and conditions for more than a year.

The changes include sick pay being scrapped for the first three days of any illness and pay rises being frozen.

Staff could also be asked to take up to four days unpaid holiday a year.

Steve Bennett, from the county branch of Unison, said a strike ballot would now be held in response to the changes.

He said: "Staff are busting a gut to keep services running, but the council rewards them with worse terms."

"I urge the council to return

to talks and withdraw from imposing new terms.

"There are no guarantees these contractual changes will prevent further job cuts and staff are right to reject them."

But a council spokeswoman argued 92 per cent of staff had 'consented to the changes', which were implemented at the beginning of this month.

She said: "There are no easy answers to the financial challenges we're facing."

"But by saving £4 million a year on our employment costs, we'll avoid further redundancies and direct pay cuts as well as helping safeguard budgets for front-line services."

"We've been negotiating for more than a year with the unions, but unfortunately there's no avoiding the need to reduce our employment costs."

She added that the county council hoped union members would not vote to take strike action.



County Hall staff are unhappy at changes to their working terms and conditions

## Election voters go to the polls today



PEOPLE across Northamptonshire were taking to the polls today to vote in the county council elections.

Only four parties have fielded enough candidates to take the 29-seat majority needed to take control of County Hall.

They are the Conservatives, Labour, the Liberal Democrats and UKIP.

The authority is responsible for such services as schools, libraries, street lighting and local roads.

The Conservatives have been in charge of County Hall since 2005.

Polling stations opened this morning and the result is expected to be announced tomorrow afternoon. Log on to [www.northamptonchron.co.uk](http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk) for the results.

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Traffic restrictions have been criticised after fire damaged The Angel Hotel building in Bridge Street in 2012

# Businesses fear trade setback over doubts on blaze site's future

**Businesses in Bridge Street, Northampton, fear they have suffered a massive setback to hopes of normal trading, after tenants of the derelict former Angel Hotel went into administration.**

The Fat Cat Cafe Bar chain, which occupied half of the fire-scarred building, has gone into administration leaving the premises with an unclear future.

Restaurant owners, hairdressers and tailors who had been hoping for renovation work to proceed quickly so two-way traffic could be reinstated to the street, said they were now in despair.

Mohammed Ahmin, director of The Royal Bengal restaurant, said: "I'm getting quite concerned now that there is

no tenant to push the work forward.

"The fact is nobody seems to be interested in the White Orchid, the snooker hall or the shut down kebab shop and they haven't been gutted by a massive fire.

"What are the chances of the landlord impressing a fresh tenant now?"

Business owners said they have been losing trade because temporary traffic restrictions – imposed because half the road is being occupied by safety hoarding around the damaged building – made visiting Bridge Street difficult.

Nicholas Edwards, of business advisory firm, Cooper Parry, has been appointed administrator of the company, which he said was affected by poor trading at some of its 11

**We are seeking a meeting with the owner to get information**

outlets nationwide.

Mr Edwards said the long-term future of the building remained in the hands of the landlord, who the *Chron* understands resides in Ireland.

But he said he could not offer much short-term hope for Bridge Street businessmen.

He said: "It is fairly early days and we're not quite sure what this means for the Northampton building.

"From our point of view, it is very unlikely that it will ever

re-open as a Fat Cats."

David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "I am very concerned as Fat Cats was a much-loved venue on Bridge Street.

"We have been in touch with the administrators and are also seeking an urgent meeting with the building owners to find out further information.

"But the repairs on Bridge Street remain a key priority for the borough council to help local businesses and to re-open a key route into the town."

The Bridge Street premises has been shut since January 2, 2012 when a fire, later found to have been started accidentally by roofers, ripped through the former Angel Hotel building.

## Traffic restrictions 'making access complicated'

Some businessmen believe the administration of Fat Cat Cafe Bars should not deflect the local authorities from breathing life back into Bridge Street.

Current traffic restrictions mean all vehicles, with the exception of buses and taxis, can only travel down the hill in the direction of Far Cotton, but not up it.

Peter Lumbis, owner of the Crop Shop hairdressers for 50 years, said: "It's too complicated for customers to drive all around the town centre to get here."

Northamptonshire County Council said reversing the flow "could run the risk of allowing traffic into the centre without it being able to exit easily down Bridge Street."

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# Fire-hit family who lost all want answers

A father-of-four who lost three cars and his house in an arson attack in Northampton, said his family were still desperate to find out who was responsible for the crime.

Firefighters were called to Gary Pickett's home in Fieldgate Close, Wootton, on February 21 after his daughter's BMW car, parked on the drive, was deliberately set alight.

When the car's braking system failed in the blaze, it then rolled into the wooden garage door, which then spread the fire to the rest of the property and two other cars parked outside the house.

Two months on from the devastating fire, which destroyed almost £50,000 of possessions in the family home where he was living with his wife Sue, pregnant daughter Georgina, aged 21, and son Michael, aged 11, Mr Pickett said he was still no closer to finding out who started the fire.

He said: "We would dearly



love to find the people responsible.

"If somebody was caught for this crime it would make a difference to us.

"We don't know if it was a prank that went wrong.

"The person who set fire to the car may not have realised that it was going to roll into the garage and set fire to the house.

"Someone must know something and we would urge that person to come forward."

To add to the devastating aftermath of dealing with the fire, Mr Pickett has also had to deal with the news that he was under-insured by more than £60,000.

Mr Pickett said: "We are having to project manage the rebuild of our house ourselves due to the cost.

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A family fun day in Wootton to raise funds for the Pickett family (from left) Jacqui Barrick, Georgina Pickett, Gary Pickett and Catherine Dean, pictured with some children at the event. Left the aftermath of the fire.

has two other children, Sam, aged 24, and James, aged 19, said he had been comforted by the reaction of the Wootton community, including Catherine Dean, of Catherine's Castles, and Jacqui Barrick, from Wootton Wellspring Christian Allsorts, who organised a fund-raising event for the family which collected more than £800.

Pupils at Caroline Chisholm School, who are friends of Michael, also raised £170 to help replace some of the toys he lost in the fire. An-

other £500 has been donated to the family via a fund-raising group set up on Facebook.

He said: "It does give you hope and faith in people when you see the local community pull together like this in a such a difficult time for us."

● A £2,000 reward has been set up for anyone who comes forward with information which leads to a conviction of the arsonist responsible for the fire at the Pickett's home.

Mr Pickett said he hoped the reward would help en-

courage anyone who knew the identity of the arsonist to come forward.

He said: "You can't begin to understand what it feels like to lose your house and three cars in a fire unless you have experienced it."

Although, he is pleased the fire service put out the blaze, Mr Pickett said he had been unhappy with the initial response time.

Mr Pickett said he believed if the fire service had got to his address quicker they could have prevented the flames

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# Animal-mad student has a bedroom 'zoo'

**By JOHN HARRISON**

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**An animal-mad Moulton College student has revealed the small zoo he houses in his bedroom and sleeps next to every night.**

Student Liam Andrews, aged 16, is so keen on exotic pets he houses a staggering 300 animals and creepy-crawlies, including 12 tarantulas, eight snakes and five scorpions, in his bedroom.

Liam, who is studying animal management and welfare, spends two hours a day feeding his pets and said he had been bitten or stung by them at least 200 times.

The teenager, from Desborough, said: "I much prefer animals to humans. If someone is worried about the health and safety of a person holding a snake, I am much more worried about the snake's welfare. I have around



Liam Andrews, a student at Moulton College, has a small zoo in his bedroom.

60 reptiles and other exotics that sleep in my bedroom with me. Luckily none of them has escaped, so far."

Liam's obsession with animals began when he saved up enough pocket money to buy a hamster when he was six years old.

Since then he and his parents have spent £8,500 on his staggering array of pets which he buys online from rescue centres and exotic pet shops.

His long-suffering mum, Jayne, aged 45, who admits she is terrified of snakes, added: "Liam is totally obsessed with all his animals.

"I hate spiders and would never hold one, yet he wakes me up to bring me the shed skin of a tarantula at midnight.

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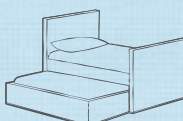
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# Hotel closure hits 50 wedding plans

A group of 50 couples has been forced to find a different venue for their wedding reception after the administrators of a Northampton hotel announced it was shutting down at the end of June.

Lime Trees Hotel, in Barrack Road, opened in 1971 after it was converted from a boarding school and is currently part of the Best Western chain.

But administrators were called in to run the business in May last year and have been searching for a new buyer.

James Martin, of the administrators Moore Stephens LLP, said it had been hoped a buyer could be found to continue running the hotel, but the best offer had been received from a company which would like to change the use of the building.

Mr Martin said the administrators had therefore agreed to close the hotel on June 30 and any wedding receptions due to be held after this date had been cancelled.

Jo Thyer, aged 33, and Paul Wooding, aged 28, are one of the couples affected by the hotel closure as they were due to



Jo Thyer and Paul Wooding are among 50 couples forced to find a new venue for their wedding reception after it was announced that Lime Trees Hotel in Barrack Road, below left, which has been in administration since May, was being closed on June 30

have their wedding reception at the venue on August 31.

Ms Thyer said: "It has been absolute nightmare trying to find another venue."

"We did not know the hotel was in administration."

"It was a very good deal that Lime Trees offered and we just didn't think the venue would shut down."

Ms Thyer and Mr Wooding

are now going to have their wedding reception at The Church Restaurant.

Ken Harris, owner of the Riverview Restaurant in Cogenhoe, has offered to provide a new venue for couples affected by the closure of Lime Trees Hotel.

He said: "We have been approached by a number of them, including a couple who are due to get married in just six weeks time."

"We'll work hard to make sure they and any others in need can still have a great day of celebration with us."

Dean Caton, who runs Style Events in Wellingborough Road, said he was also helping brides affected by the closure of Lime Trees hotel to find a new venue.

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## Cobblers expansion bid all set to begin

Proposals to expand the Cobblers stadium and redevelop land around Sixfields are finally on the verge of becoming a reality.

For years, Northampton Town FC has been in talks with Northampton Borough Council and the Government's regeneration body, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), about plans to redevelop land around Sixfields.

In July last year, the scheme took a major step forward when the council, the football club and the HCA agreed to push ahead with the development.

Now, Cobblers chairman, David Cardoza, has said proposals which would see the club's ground undergo a major expansion are only weeks away.

He said: "It's all ready to go. I've got one or two partners that I'm looking to work with and that's taking two or three months longer than I would have wanted. But I'm pretty



'Going well' Cobblers' chairman, David Cardoza (right), said talks with Northampton Borough Council leader,

confident things will start happening in the next month or two."

Last year, the council backed the development of a large section of land stretching from the site of the current athletics track, next to the stadium, over to Weedon Road.

It is believed plans for the land would now see a mixture

of houses and shops built, with money from the development going to both the football club and the borough council.

Mr Cardoza said "We'd use the money to put back into the stadium. At the very least, we'd turn the East Stand into the main stand. That would include the club's offices, corporate boxes and hospitality to

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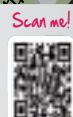
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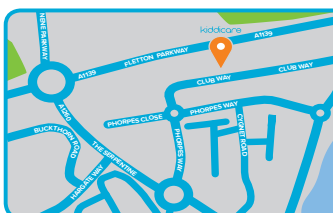
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Of those, 218 have asked the council to re-home them in smaller properties, instead of facing a reduction in housing benefits.

The council's cabinet member for housing, Councillor Mary Markham (*Con, Obelisk*), said she was pleased with the number.

She said: "With the pressures we have on social housing, and with vulnerable families waiting to be homes, it's only right that people should not take more space than they need."

"If they want the luxury of more space, they should pay for it like everyone else."

Indicating her support for



Campaigners against the 'bedroom tax' protested in Northampton town centre last Saturday

the 'bedroom tax', she added: "Hard-working taxpayers have to make tough choices of their own about what sort of property they can afford to live in, and they should not pay for what is effectively a benefit subsidy for empty rooms."

"However, where people

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Protesters still maintain their opposition, however and several protested outside All Saints Church in Northampton last Saturday.

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# Learn about ecology in 'classroom' in the Great Outdoors

Visitors to Abington Park will soon be able to learn more about the ecology and heritage of the Northampton beauty spot when a new 'outdoor classroom' is created.

Eco Kids, a Northampton social enterprise company, has received £42,700 from The Lottery Heritage Fund to set up classroom in the green space.

The group will work in partnership with Northampton Borough Council, the Friends of Abington Park and Northampton Museums Education Department to develop information, learning resources and activities to help attract local people and visitors to the park to learn more about it.

Sara Jones, co-director at Eco Kids, said: "We are de-

## Nature is essential to a healthy childhood

lighted to have received the support of the Lottery Heritage Fund and are excited about working with horticultural and heritage professionals to promote Abington Park as a centre for outdoor heritage learning.

"There is a growing body of research indicating that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children and adults.

"We see this project as a great way of combining the use of technology – which is

often the reason for children spending less time in the outdoors – with discovering information about the outdoor environment."

The outdoor classroom project will include working with residents to record information and images of the park in its past and present.

The project will capture the park's history since medieval times via a mobile phone app and school education packs. The project will also include a complete tree and wild food survey and tree identification trail.

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ROAD TEST - MITSUBISHI MIRAGE 31.2

# Space, style and great value

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**They're a posh lot, buyers of small cars from Mitsubishi. Where you'd expect people to head for the cheaper end of the range, this lot head up the price list.**

Which means Mitsubishi thinks almost the dearest version of its dinky new five-door Mirage will be the best seller. Which won't do profits any harm.

The UK arm of Mitsubishi has budgeted for around 4,000 Mirage sales this year, but is able to more than double that figure if demand calls for more deliveries from the new factory in Thailand.

And it might just do better than the lower figure, with a car that grows on you the further you drive it.

It also costs less than the list price, with £1,000 off all versions, billed as a 'launch' incentive, except that Mitsubishi is content to keep discounting for as long it seems to help sales.

If first appearances count (and they decidedly do), then the Mirage looks mildly middle aged, even in its youth, and nothing like as rakish and angular as rivals from, say Kia. It shares the same conservative, gently jelly mould lines of a close competitor, Nissan's Micra.

But Mitsubishi may have been thinking more deeply than mere surface gloss.



### FACTFILE

**PRICE:** £11,999 (but see report)

**DRIVETRAIN:** 1.2 litre 80hp petrol engine, 5-speed gearbox

**PERFORMANCE:** Top speed 112mph 0-62mph 11.7 seconds

**ECONOMY:** Euro average 65.7mpg Co2 100g/km road tax £0

**SIZE:** 3710mm long 1665mm wide

**SAFETY:** Euro NCAP not tested

**INSURANCE:** Group 18

**WARRANTY:** Three years, unlimited mileage

The Mirage is so light and slips through the air with such ease that it positively sips petrol and its exhaust is so clean that all versions cost nothing to tax and laugh at the London congestion charge.

There are four models, starting with a £8,999 (list price) 1.0 litre version expected to take only a tiny proportion of sales. Almost everyone will opt for the 1.2 litre Mirage that comes with more power, but uses scarcely any more fuel and is

better equipped.

An automatic (£12,999) tops the Mirage tables and looks a winner for confirmed townies, who will enjoy the lack of a clutch, while still paying nothing in tax or to move around the capital in their own set of wheels.

The car's lightness (half the weight of a Mondeo estate, for instance) doesn't mean a compromise on interior space, where a six-footer can sit in reasonable comfort behind a

similarly lanky driver.

The modest boot expands in the usual way, thanks to a split/fold rear seat.

The lack of bulk translates into peppy performance, although the trip computer on the test car got nowhere near the quoted 65mpg, with 50.5mpg showing after a mildly spirited drive that took in town and country and fast main road work too.

That's not bad, and more a reflection on the legally-bound

daftness of the official figures the car makers have to declare.

Checking the car's group 18 insurance rating, I was surprised to discover it's much higher than a rival Nissan Micra, at group five, or a Hyundai i10 at group 12.

It is, however, expected to keep a little more of its value over the competition as the years tick by.

You'll need to find an extra £420 if you want your Mirage

in any colour other than solid white; all the other hues are extra cost metallics or pearl-escient finishes.

No quibbles about what comes as standard on the top Mirage 3, though, with automatic air conditioning, front and rear parking peepers, alloy wheels and front fog lamps as standard.

Even so, I might be tempted to save £1,000 and take a Mirage 2, which is far from a poverty spec itself.

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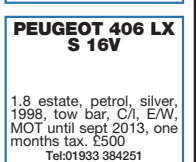
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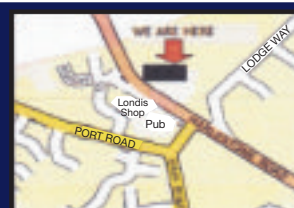
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# SPORT

## Expect the unexpected!

### Tozer warns Cheltenham ahead of play-off double-header

#### FOOTBALL

By JEFFERSON LAKE  
Football writer  
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**Ben Tozer has warned Cheltenham Town to expect the unexpected when they travel to Sixfields for the play-off semi-final first-leg on Thursday night.**

Throughout the season the Cobblers have been branded a direct set-piece team, at times with justification.

But Tozer believes the Cobblers have proved they are more than a one-trick pony with their recent performances, especially in the 2-2 draw at Port Vale and Saturday's 2-0 victory over Barnet.

With Adebayo Akinfenwa rested for both of those games, and Clive Platt injured, the Cobblers have altered their style of play accordingly to play to the strengths of David Moyo and Roy O'Donovan.

The introduction into central midfield of ball-players Luke Guttridge and Lewis Hornby has also led to less long balls and more pass and move, and Tozer says Town have shown they are capable of a mixture of styles, and that could be a problem for the

Robins. "We have the players in this team to pass anybody off the pitch," said Tozer.

"But the thing is we can mix it up.

"We can bully teams, we can bombard them, and we can pass it as well. It's a good mix."

The Cobblers ended up in sixth place in npower League Two, five points outside the automatic promotion places.

It is a big improvement on the relegation struggles of the past two seasons, and Tozer admitted to having sympathy for the Barnet players that were relegated from league two at Sixfields following the defeat to the Cobblers.

"It is bad luck for Barnet, but we had to be professional and do our jobs," said Tozer.

"If it was mid-season we would have wanted to beat them, so you have to do it at the end of the season.

"And obviously the way they beat us at their place, we felt like we needed to beat them.

"We started well. Because Barnet were very nervous.

"But we let them get into the game, they had a couple of good chances, but the gaffer had a word with us at half-time and our match management was decent in the second half."



**ROY'S THE BOY** - Roy O'Donovan slots home during the Cobblers' 2-0 win over Barnet on Saturday. The result saw Barnet relegated from the Football League

Dylan Hartley has been included in the British & Irish Lions squad for this summer's tour of Hong Kong and Australia



## Shock call-up for Dylan

SAINTS skipper Dylan Hartley has been included in the British & Irish Lions squad for this summer's tour of Hong Kong and Australia.

The hooker was the only member of the current Northampton team to make the cut, meaning there was disappointment for the likes of Tom Wood and Courtney Lawes.

But Hartley will be joined by future Saint George North, with the Wales wing always

a certainty to be selected by Warren Gatland.

The names of the men making up the touring party were announced at a press conference at 11am on Tuesday by tour manager Andy Irvine.

And for Hartley, who will compete against England team-mate Tom Youngs and Wales star Richard Hibbard for a starting spot, and North there was reason to celebrate.

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